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Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, IC 20515

April 26, 2022

The Honorable Marcy Kaptur Chairwoman Subcommittee Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies House Appropriations Committee Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Michael Simpson Ranking Member Subcommittee Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies House Appropriations Committee Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Kaptur and Ranking Member Simpson:

I write today in support of an important community project in my Congressional District. As you begin crafting the Fiscal Year 2023 appropriations legislation, please consider my request to provide \$1,200,000 in funding to complete a feasibility study for a riverfront hardening and erosion control project as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is the City of Cincinnati (City), located at 801 Plum Street, Suite 150, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

Smale Riverfront Park serves as an economic engine, regional destination, and physical anchor connecting the riverfront with Great American Ballpark, Paul Brown Stadium, Heritage Bank Center, and the Central Business District through the neighborhood known as the Banks. Additionally, it also provides flood mitigation and erosion control for the City.

Section 1202(b) of the *Water Resources Infrastructure Improvements for Nation of 2016* (WIIN) directs the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to review the Central Riverfront Park Master Plan, dated December 1999, and the Ohio Riverfront Study, Cincinnati, Ohio Report dated August 2002, to determine the feasibility of carrying out flood risk reduction, ecosystem restoration, and recreation components beyond the ecosystem restoration and recreation components that were undertaken pursuant to Section 5116 of the *Water Resources Development Act*, Public Law 110-114 (WRDA). It is my understanding that additional federal funds are needed to complete the second phase of the project, which entails a feasibility level of detail decision document. The decision document will include the results of an evaluation of Federal interest in implementing additional flood risk reduction, ecosystem restoration, and recreation components identified in the Central Riverfront Master Plan and the Ohio Riverfront Study.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District recently completed construction of the \$30 million, five-acre project that was authorized in WRDA. Since that five-acre project is now complete, the City is looking to expand the size of the project by an additional 20 acres to construct similar features (continuous walkways along the river, informal grass terraces, landscaping, and lighting that were included in the original authority, as well as to address flooding along the Ohio Riverbank by replacing areas of blacktop pavement with green ecosystems). It is my understanding that the increased funding will support the stabilization of the Ohio Riverbank from future erosion and will mitigate the flooding of the area.

As you continue to assess appropriations requests, I ask that you give every consideration of this community project in my Congressional District to complete a feasibility study of the Smale Riverfront Park in the City of Cincinnati, Ohio. Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives H-305, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives H-305, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

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I am requesting funding for an Army Corps of Engineers project in Fiscal Year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Cincinnati, located at 801 Plum Street, Suite 150, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. The funding would be used to complete a feasibility study for an erosion control project in Smale Riverfront Park.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Steve Chabot (OH-01)

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